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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Congressional Reactions to the Intelligence Checklist

1. I delivered some OER reference aids to the office of Rep. Jack Kemp late yesterday, and then stopped by to see Congressman-at-Large Pete duPont of Delaware- [REDACTED] Pete is the sixth ranking Republican on the House International Relations Committee, one of our six Checklist committees.

2. I asked for Pete's candid comments on the Checklist, and he stated that it was "very worthwhile and useful." He also remarked favorably on the graphics in the publication. Pete said that he has not been able to read the Checklist on a daily basis--a condition that probably applies to most of our clients. When I asked him if other committee members were reading the Checklist, he mentioned the names of Reps. Don Fraser of Minnesota, Lee Hamilton of Indiana, and Jonathan Bingham of New York. These gentlemen rank eighth, tenth, and twelfth on the Democratic side of the committee, and all are regarded as serious students of foreign affairs.

3. I closed by reminding Pete that we were always ready to prepare articles requested by individual members, and that we were always receptive to comments and criticism. I added that we would keep trying to provide common denominators of intelligence interest to our congressional customers. Pete had to get off to Delaware with Treasury Secretary Simon to raise funds for Republican coffers so it was a short--but encouraging--session.

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Dear Mr. Colby:

We wish to invite you to testify before the Government Operations Committee January 22nd, 23rd, or 27th on proposals before our Committee to create a new Congressional Committee for overseeing the government's foreign or domestic intelligence and investigatory activities.

I am sure you would agree that it is vitally important that Congress place its oversight of the government's intelligence activities on as sound and permanent basis as possible. The Senate has established by resolution a deadline of March 1, 1976 for voting on proposals for perfecting congressional oversight in this area.

The Government Operations Committee has legislative jurisdiction over several bills creating new congressional committees to oversee a wide range of domestic and foreign intelligence or investigatory activities of the government. In view of the March 1, 1976 deadline, the Committee has scheduled hearings to consider the bills that have been referred to it.

The work and experience of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations has given that Committee a unique insight into this area. We expect that at the time of the hearings the Government Operations Committee will also have before it the recommendations of the Select Committee on the best way for Congress to oversee the intelligence community.

Your views will be of great help to the Senate as it considers the best possible way to insure an effective and responsible congressional oversight committee which can work cooperatively with the Executive Branch.

We look forward to discussing these issues with you.

Sincerely,

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